



Hawke's Bay Multisport Club Inc., Operating as:

## Triathlon Hawke's Bay

# President's Report 2017-2018

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all to the 2017/18 Tri HB AGM.

This has been a busy year for our club with a lot of people making some big contributions to ensure the smooth running of your club.

During this year we said goodbye to our then General Manager Mike Bond who like his predecessors took the club to the next level. I believe Mike's crowning achievement was the inaugural Harbour to Hills.

We welcomed Bruce Richardson as the new General Manager just prior to the start of the duathlon season. I'm very happy to say that Bruce Naiga and the kids are well and truly a part of the Tri HB family.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership to the end of the financial year finished up at a similar number to the previous year.

We decided that with the addition of the Tri NZ fee we would not raise our own club fee this year.

I personally am astounded and proud of the number of new faces that I see at club races and events as they take on the challenge of triathlon. It is great to see you our club members embracing these new people which is very much part of our culture.

The challenge to us all is to grow our membership, we would ask that you talk to your friends and work colleagues and encourage them to come down and give it a go.

### EVENTS

Last summer we were hit with the closure of the Pond which was not ideal, water testing had been done by the Regional council on a weekly basis. This year the Napier City council have taken on this role and are testing twice daily, so far, the results have been good.

For this upcoming year we have put in place an alternative course based at Westshore in the advent that the Pond is shut. This alternative comes with additional water safety costs that will affect our bottom line which we could not sustain for very long.

With the club taking on the running of the Harbour to Hills last year it was apparent that it involved a lot of work for the GM and also volunteers. Conservatively the H2H takes up about 20% of the GM's year.

As a committee we were very conscious that we didn't want to burn out either the GM or you our volunteers as we couldn't just keep adding races without repercussions.

To that end we looked at the calendar and have made the decision to cut the Iron kids races from 4 to 1 race.

The Tremains Triathlon continues to work well for both ourselves and Tremains with the race being fully entrenched in the Hawke's Bay sporting calendar.

The remaining race calendar will remain the same but we will review this decision around this time next year.

## CLUB GM

Bruce has continued in the vein of his predecessors and he certainly hit the ground running with a great level of enthusiasm which hasn't subsided. For a lot of people, they only see the GM on race day and don't realise the extent of work this role covers, apart from the weekend races the rest of the week is filled up pretty quickly with meetings with stakeholders, sponsors, councils complete traffic management plans, plan races, deal with membership, event entries to name a few.

Bruce has introduced a live timing system to our races and we say goodbye to the old stopwatches. We had considered a timing chip system but the cost was prohibitive, with this new system pretty much as soon as the last person is across the line we can push the button and have the results. Also anyone with the App can access the results.

We are hoping that this new system will help streamline our race days and make them a little easier for Bruce and the great team of volunteers.

Again, we ask that you support Bruce in his role, when we talk of volunteers, we automatically think of race day only and for a lot of you we understand that it is hard to commit time in the weekend however there are a lot of jobs that can be done at any time of the week which would be of great assistance to Bruce and would help free him up for other tasks.

We will leave that with you the members to make contact with Bruce.

## SPONSORS

This club is fortunate to have the support of our fantastic committed sponsors and at this time I thank them all for their generous contributions. I have said it before but when shopping around please look to your sponsors in the first instance.

## VOLUNTEERS

You our volunteers are the lifeblood of this club and put simply without you we would not exist. Every race the call goes out and you come forward with a smiling face and a great attitude.

This AGM we farewell three committee members namely Samantha Bothmer, our treasurer Shaun Brown and Anthony Ham who was our previous President for 4 years. I would like to thank these three for their contributions which is very much appreciated.

We have that three prospective committee members who have agreed to come on board namely Joe Baker, George Massingham, and Kris Davidson. We look forward to what these three bring to this club.

I would like to thank the remaining committee members namely; Will Kelsey (Secretary), Gail Hussey, Robin Gory, Samantha Hussey, Murray Pimm, Geoff Martin and Naomi Ferguson.

## TRI NZ

The upcoming year sees the club incorporating the Tri NZ fee into our membership. There was a lot of debate on this topic and we were very mindful of the extra cost that you our members would incur.

We have had numerous discussions with Tri NZ over the year which culminated in the Tri NZ AGM which was attended by myself and Will Kelsey. I have a much better appreciation of the work they have done under Claire BAIRD the CEO of TRI NZ. In simple terms funding to the national body was cut drastically when they failed to get significant results on the World stage over the last few years.

With a limited budget Tri NZ has made some good financial decisions one being moving the small team to the Millennium institute which has enabled them to make significant savings.

One of the overriding reasons why we have taken on the Tri NZ compulsory membership is that when we apply for funding through Charitable Trusts one of the conditions is that in order to gain funding we must be affiliated to the National body, this affects all sports in NZ. There are very few sports that do not have a National body component built into their membership.

We also believe that we need to be a part of growing our Sport and I for one am looking forward to seeing us back on the podium at an Olympics in the near future.

## HB SPORT AWARDS

Again we made the finals in the HB Sports awards in the following categories

Administrator of the year: Mike Bond

Official of the year: Gail Hussey

Sport Organisation of the year: Tri HB

The competition was strong but I am intensely proud of our efforts to get to the final few which shows the high calibre of people we have in this club.

## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

This year saw a large contingent travel to the Gold Coast for the World Champs with some credible places achieved.

We all followed Brendon Vesty on his journey to Hawaii having been in hospital a short time before leaving to seeing him get the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest bike split in his age group was pretty awesome.

I apologise to those that I have missed out.

## CHALLENGES

Our challenge for the upcoming year is of consolidation and building on what we already have. Over the last few years we have replaced a lot of equipment and at present we have 3 very new trailers which should serve us well for a considerable time.

We need to build our membership and the number of entrants in our races, this can be achieved by running quality races and you our membership to promote our club to others.

As always, we welcome any suggestions and input into how and where you see you club going into the future.

In closing I would like to thank you all whether you are a participant, volunteer or sponsor for your contribution throughout the year and wish you all the best for the upcoming year of racing.

**Glen Yule,**

**Club President  
November 2018**